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I lunched with Jean Monnet. Aside from other things, we had a great dish of langoustines. Jean is convinced that the adherence of the UK to the Rome treaty is almost a certainty. He regards the chief obstacles, other than anything that might arise in the British domestic political sphere, as consisting of (1) the expressed wish of Norway, Denmark, and Ireland to enter the Common Market. He thinks that Norway will propose conditions impossible of acceptance at first blush by the European countries. Denmark will do whatever the UK does. Ireland is so anxious to join, it will probably try to do so on no mater what terms. He believes General de Gaulle would be opposed to the entrance of countries other than the UK at this time, on the theory that the whole complex would become unmanageable, particularly as regards progress toward political institutions. (2) He feels that the injection of any demand for world-wide commodity agreements while the UK application is pending would be a great mistake, confusing the negotiations and giving excuses for postponement. (3) Since Great Britain must, if it joins the Common Market, also become a member of the Coal and Steel Community, and of Euratom, it will have to be prepared, as regards Euratom, to surrender its special position in atomic affairs with the United States. He engaged in an interesting estimate of General de Gaulle's personality. He thinks the General will carry the referendum, but is skeptical over Gaullist success in the elections. In such an event, it is possible the General will again retire to the country to continue the writing of his memoirs. The consequences of such an action cannot be predicted.

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Late this afternoon I went around to see Louise and Peter Stephaich. Louise's uncle, Mat Mellon, and his wife, were there, Freddy de Cabrol, Henry Hunt, the charming Sabine Wolbrow, and others. The Stephaiches have just returned to Paris